

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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17. (currently amended) A rotational pump having variable volume flow, the pump comprising:

a pump housing having a suction connection and a pressure connection;

an outer rotor having inner toothing, said outer rotor rotatably disposed inside said housing;

an inner rotor having outer toothing, said inner rotor eccentrically disposed in said outer rotor;

a drive shaft disposed in said pump housing, said drive shaft extending parallel to an axis of said outer rotor, said drive shaft cooperating with said inner rotor;

a rotatable adjusting ring, within which said outer rotor is eccentrically and rotatably disposed, said adjusting ring disposed coaxially to said drive shaft; and

a slider disposed, as viewed in a turning direction, between said pressure connection and said suction connection, said slider communicating with said adjusting ring to vary a size of at least one of said pressure connection and said suction connection for changing the volume flow in said pump housing-, wherein said pressure connection and said suction connection define at least one groove having a shape of a partial circle, with said slider being displaceably disposed in said groove.

18. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 17, wherein sizes of both said pressure connection and said suction connection are changed.
19. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 18, wherein a size of one connection is increased by a same amount as a size of the other connection is decreased.
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22. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 17, wherein said slider separates said pressure connection from said suction connection.
23. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 17, wherein said slider is formed as a sliding block.
24. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 17, wherein said slider is driven via said adjusting ring.
25. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 24, wherein said slider is directly connected to said adjusting ring.
26. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 24, wherein said slider is connected to said adjusting ring via a transmission.
27. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 24, wherein said slider is integral with said adjusting ring.

28. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 17, wherein said slider is provided on a slider plate which abuts a front end of said adjusting ring.
29. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 28, wherein a lid overlaps said slider plate.
30. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 29, wherein said lid defines said pressure connection and said suction connection.
31. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 28, wherein said slider plate is integral with said adjusting ring.
32. (previously presented) The rotational pump of claim 17, wherein the pump has a modular construction.